

REMARKS

Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice to further prosecution. Claims 1-3 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 6. No new subject matter has been added. Entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the rejections in light of the following remarks is requested.

Discussion of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of Claim 6 if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Discussion of Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) or 102(e) as being anticipated by Narasimhan et al. (U.S. 6,446,192) and Boudou (U.S. 6,839,756). Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, solely to speed prosecution, Claims 1-3 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 6. Accordingly, at least for these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-3 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not

reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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